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(54) **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTING EFFICIENT DECODED BUFFER MANAGEMENT IN MULTI-VIEW VIDEO CODING**

(57) A method of encoding a plurality of views of a scene into a multi-view video bitstream, the method comprising: determining that a first picture of a first view is used as a reference picture for a second picture of another view; based on said determining that said first picture of said first view is used as a reference picture for said second picture of another view, providing, in said bitstream, a first signaling element indicating that said first picture is treated as a longterm reference picture for said second picture; and using said first picture as a long-term reference picture for said second picture in said encoding.



FIG. 4



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